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ABSTRACT

This guide, written for parents, explains what parents need to know about the second and third year of their child's life. Part 1 is organized by chronological age, with each of 16 chapters devoted to 1 or 2 months of development. Sections in each chapter are: (1) "What Your Toddler May be Doing Now," a monthly or quarterly milestone scale of achievements; (2) "What You Can Expect at the Checkup," medical procedures and tips for well-baby checkups; (3) "What You May Be Concerned about," typical parental concerns for toddlers, organized in a question-answer format; (4) "What It's Important for You To Know," information on typical child development problems and suggestions for parents to encourage their child's development; and (5) "What It's Important for Your Toddler To Know," specific areas of learning such as kindness toward animals, manners, reading as a fun activity, sharing, and sorting through gender roles. Specific areas covered include language development, play, television viewing, making friends, fears and phobias, traveling, self-esteem, creativity and imagination, temperamental and individual differences, parent-toddler communication, the Superchild Syndrome, lying, understanding rules, right and wrong, giving and sharing, gender roles, and grandparents. Part 2 addresses toddler care, health, and safety. The seven chapters present a toddler care primer and discuss feeding toddlers, toilet learning, keeping toddlers healthy, keeping toddlers safe, treating toddler injuries, and special needs children. Part 3 addresses the toddler in the family. Three chapters discuss siblings, parenting toddlers, and nonparental care. Part 4 is a ready reference. (KDFOB)

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